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## Coplon Trial Given Secrets In Her Purse

Copies of FBI Data  
At S. Says She Stole  
Placed in Evidence  
Along With Decoy

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Twenty-two secret FBI data  
were found in Judith Coplon's  
purse when she was arrested  
with a Russian last March.  
They were introduced as evidence  
yesterday in her espionage  
trial.

The slips were copies of top se-  
cret FBI reports on U. S. counter-  
espionage and the Government  
alleges Miss Coplon made the  
copies.

She also said that Ruth Gruber,  
her friend, had given her a copy of  
a letter to Secretary of State  
George Marshall, Harold L. Ackers  
and a "letter" of F. A. Garvin,  
of the Russian Embassy, Miss Gruber  
recently denied this.

The other slips contained de-  
tails of the life of David White,  
a Soviet spy, and a "potential re-  
sult" for the Soviet spy service.

Coplon Attended Trial

She also attended the trial of  
her friend, Ruth Gruber, who was  
arrested with her husband, Alvin,  
in London, 1947, on charges of  
espionage.

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The contents of the Coplon  
purse, the husband of the De-  
partment's case, were introduced  
by the vigorous efforts of her  
lawyer, Abraham J. Balmer, who  
contended they were merely  
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The slip which mentioned Dr.  
Gruber was an excerpt from an FBI  
report on one Ursula Wapner,  
otherwise unidentified. The slip  
said: "In March, 1945, subject had  
in her address book the name of  
Ruth Gruber. Gruber has been  
reported to have been a contact of  
F. A. Garvin of the Soviet Em-  
bassy, Washington. Gruber was  
secretary to Harold L. Ackers, Sec-  
retary of Interior."

Miss Gruber left the Govern-  
ment in February, 1944, and her  
husband, Alvin, in New York, yes-  
terday. She told "The New York  
Times" she had heard of the Coplon trial until  
her name appeared in the news-  
papers. "I never was a contact  
person for anyone. My job was  
not secretary to Mr. Ackers, which  
might imply I had access to secret  
reports. I had none. I was one of  
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She described herself as a 35-year-old  
woman, born in New York, who  
had been married to Alvin Gruber  
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